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## VILLA SPIRIT SPREADS IN GUERRERO

**Sentiment in Favor of Hunted Bandit, and Flocking of Natives to His Standard, Reported in North Mexico**

Columbus, N. M., July 11.—The Guerrero district is aflame with Villista spirit. Hundreds of natives have deserted Guerrero villages, presumably to join the new army they were told Villa would lead personally against the gringos.

Motor truck men who returned today from the American lines with these reports from natives believe the entire district is a hotbed of Villa sentiment. Also army officers who were in Guerrero on the first dash south after Villa stated that if the natives were convinced Villa is alive they would join him. The bandit leader long made the Guerrero district his "stamping ground," while fighting Diaz rurales.

However, nearer the American lines the natives are friendly to General Pershing's men and apparently satisfied at enjoying their first peace in years and receiving gold for labor and supplies.

The meager reports of the expedition's activities reaching here indicate that the entire force is marking time and not even cavalry patrols penetrate very far from camp. Pershing is reported to be depending on a corps of scouts and Arizona Apaches for information of Mexican activities near his lines.

The truckmen declared that the rains already have made traveling difficult. The drivers were apprehensive of a complete tie-up in motor transportation if the rains increase. Thirty-three new trucks arrived overland from El Paso today and will be put into service at once.

The rain fell throughout the night, flooding the lower end of the Massachusetts militiamen's camp and forcing scores of the guardsmen in the downpour to seek other quarters. Men on outpost duty were drenched. Old Columbus residents declared the rains so far are only showers compared to the rainy season at its height.

## ANGLO-FRENCH ARMY TAKES 22 VILLAGES

Paris, July 11.—Twenty-two villages, all fortified to the highest degree of which the Germans are capable, have been captured by the Anglo-French armies since the great offensive of the Somme began ten days ago.

Peronne, lying a bare mile across the Somme from the French lines, and the next important prize toward which the French are advancing, lies almost within the grasp of General Foch's army.

Dispatches from headquarters today showed that the village of Blaches, one mile from Peronne, was captured by the French in the same dashing spirit that drove the enemy out of Domplere, Hardecourt and other strongly fortified points. Domplere, with its entire first line German positions, was taken in fifty minutes, and Hardecourt in only thirty-five. The Germans resisted more stubbornly at Blaches, but in less than two hours the village was in the hands of the French.

The war office announced this afternoon that the night passed without important fighting on the French front on either side of the Somme.

In the fighting of the last two days the French took 1,000 prisoners.

## SHIP SUPPLIES TO GEN. PERSHING OVER MEXICAN RY.

El Paso, July 11.—Persistent rumors of Mexicans flocking to Villa standards culminated today in an unconfirmed rumor that several hundred Carranza troops withdrew from the Chihuahua City garrison to join Villa's column in the Parral district. Disorders followed in the Chihuahua capital; no report stated.

Carranzistas officials here and in Juarez denied all rumors of revolt in the ranks of the de facto government troops.

Restoration of friendly relations between Washington and Mexico City was reflected today in the shipment of three carloads of hay and grain through Juarez over the Mexico Northwestern railroad for General Pershing's forces. When war between the two governments appeared imminent recently, the Carranzista authorities closed the Mexican railway lines to such shipments for the American punitive expedition.

## MEXICO CITY WAR CLOUD DISPELLED

Mexico City, July 11.—As evidence of the official belief that the danger of war with the United States has passed, the employees of government departments who were being drilled for military service were today ordered to discontinue their training.

If the situation continues to improve, all other persons who volunteered for service against the United States will be instructed to discontinue drilling. It is possible the Mexican reply to the latest American note will be forwarded to Washington today. It is understood it will contain a definite proposal for the settlement of future difficulties and a solution for the border problems. If this proposal is not entirely satisfactory to the United States, it is considered that further interchanges between the two governments will result in a completely satisfactory agreement.

## REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES ON LUMBER

Portland, July 11.—A reduction of five cents per 100 pounds in the lumber rate from the Pacific northwest to the Missouri river and Kansas and Nebraska points will be put in force soon by the Union Pacific railroad, it was announced today. This means that northwest lumbermen will have to pay about \$1.50 per 1,000 feet less than heretofore. The present rate is 50 cents per 100 pounds. The new rate will be 45 cents.

## CONTALMAISON IN HANDS OF BRITONS

London, July 11.—British troops last night carried by storm the village of Contalmaison, northeast of Albert, about which violent fighting has raged since the opening of the allied offensive July 1. General Haig, in announcing the victory, reported that 189 German prisoners were taken.

"Further east we stormed several lines of enemy trenches in the Mametz wood," added Haig. "The greater part of the wood is now in our possession."

Heavy fighting continues in the Trones wood north of Hardecourt. The Germans made a strong counter-attack at Contalmaison, but were beaten off with heavy losses. The village, Haig reported, is in the hands of the British.

In the fighting for the Mametz wood the British took 296 prisoners.

## ASK BULGARS TO BATTLE SLAVS

**Central Powers' Rulers Urge Czar Ferdinand to Send Troops to Aid on the Galician and Trentino Fronts**

Rome, July 11.—Kaiser Wilhelm and Emperor Franz Josef have sent an urgent request to Czar Ferdinand that he dispatch Bulgarian troops to the Galician and Trentino fronts to help check the Russian and Italian offensives.

This information was received from Geneva today. A delegation of Austro-German military and diplomatic officials arrived at Sofia Sunday, carrying the request. They pointed out to the Bulgarian ruler that continued successes for the Russians and Italians would bring Roumania into the war and that Bulgaria would then be squeezed between the Roumanian army on the north and the allied forces in Greece and crushed.

Czar Ferdinand replied that the withdrawal of Bulgarian troops for service in Galicia or on the Italian front would invite an immediate attack by the allies from Saloniki. He promised, however, to submit the appeal to the Bulgarian general staff.

The steady advance of the Russians through southeastern Galicia has forced the Austrians to withdraw several divisions from the Trentino front. These have been replaced by Croats and Poles.

The Austrian losses in the offensive against the Trentino front and in the Italian counter-offensive have totaled 150,000. It is estimated in Rome. The Italians already have won back nearly all the territory won by the Austrians in their drive, though the concentration of 2,000 Austrian guns of heavy caliber has impeded their advance.

## DIVER'S EXPLOIT PRAISED IN BERLIN

Berlin, via Sayville, July 11.—Every Berlin newspaper today devoted a large part of its news columns to the arrival of the submarine Deutschland at Baltimore and in their editorials praised the submarine's crew.

The Vossische Zeitung said that several similar ships are being constructed to begin commercial relations with neutral countries, thereby breaking the British blockade. One of the ships is named the Bremen. All are of about 2,000 tons. The Deutschland was built at Kiel, work being started on her shortly after a company was formed November 8, 1915.

German shipbuilders are laughing at Simon Lake's threat to bring suit against the Deutschland's owners for patent infringements.

"Was it Lake or Jules Verne who discovered the submarine?" asked one shipping man. "If Lake had the patent, why did he not build submarines like the Deutschland?"

## FRISCO MAY ALSO GET UNDER-SEA BOAT

Oakland, Cal., July 11.—Theodore Gier, a wealthy capitalist of Oakland, declared today that he received information that the German submarine merchantman Bremen would arrive in San Francisco about August 6. He refused to discuss the source of his information. Gier was made chevalier by the kaiser four years ago.

## HOLD TEUTON U-BOAT IS TRADER

**U. S. Officials Determine Status of Submarine Visitor From Across the Atlantic After Inspection**

Washington, July 11.—That the great German U boat Deutschland is a merchantman, was the report made to the treasury and state departments today by Captain Hughes, U. S. navy, and Customs Collector Ryan, who examined the ship so officials could establish her status. It was announced at the state department this afternoon.

The text of the report by Collector Ryan follows:

"In company with Captain Hughes, I have made a thorough inspection of the Deutschland. All spaces except those occupied by cargo and oils were visited. There is no evidence that this ship is armed, or can be armed without extensive structural changes. I reaffirm my statement of yesterday that this ship is a commercial ship. A complete report will be mailed today."

Counselor Barclay, of the British embassy, called immediately on Acting Secretary of State Polk when he learned of the report that had been made on the boat's status.

Baltimore, July 11.—With no restrictions upon them, Captain Hughes, U. S. N., and customs men boarded the big German super-submarine Deutschland this afternoon to inspect her for armament. This action was taken upon permission of Manager Hiken, of the Ocean Transportation company, after Captain Koenig, commander, had agreed the men could learn no secrets of the vessel's construction and that they ought not to be hampered if they carried government credentials.

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## JOHN A. HOOPER ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Carthage, Mo., July 11.—Selection of a jury to try John Austin Hooper, alias Wilbur Mason, charged with first degree murder for killing Louis Wells, a special policeman in Joplin, July 2, was begun here today. It was expected the entire day would be used in obtaining the 12 men and that the introduction of testimony would begin tomorrow.

## MILITIAMEN UNDER FIRE FOR THE FIRST TIME

Columbus, N. M., July 11.—Massachusetts militiamen saw their first action under fire today under Captain Edmund Slate. Members of the Holyoke company, on provost duty, rushed into a negro disorderly house and halted an incipient riot after gunplay started and one negro was shot. The militiamen quieted the disturbance and arrested six negro infantrymen, who will be tried by courtmartial.

The rainy season is on in earnest. Torrents of rain fell today.

## RIO DE JANEIRO HEARS RUMOR OF SUBMERSIBLE

Rio de Janeiro, July 11.—The state chancellor has been officially informed that a sister ship to the super-submersible Deutschland is now crossing the Atlantic and will arrive here within ten days. The newspaper Rha declared today.

## MEDFORD VOTES RAILROAD BONDS BY 1009 TO 336

Medford, July 11.—The city of Medford was decorated with flags and bunting today in celebration of the victory of the municipal railroad issue at the polls yesterday.

By a vote of 1,009 to 336, Medford decided to build a railroad of her own into the Blue Ledge mining district and encourage capital to tap the copper and gold deposits there. Tungsten in commercial quantities also has been found in the Blue Ledge district.

## ANOTHER ARREST IN MURDER CASE

Portland, July 11.—Arrested in Astoria yesterday, Wm. J. Hadley, alias "Soldier Bill," waited in jail here today for Sheriff Reeves of Washington county to "talk to him about the Jennings-Ristman murder."

The intimation that Hadley knows something about the mysterious murder of Mrs. Helen Jennings and Fred Ristman two months ago, brought out a clash between state and county officers working to solve the crime. George A. Thacher, criminologist, hired by Governor Withycombe to solve the cases, believes Ben Thompson, held in jail for the crime is innocent. Sheriff Reeves is gathering further evidence to prove him guilty. Portland officers declared today that Reeves wants to prove Hadley innocent.

Although admitting their case against Thompson is not conclusive, officers still veiled in mystery such evidence as they had, and would not tell what possible connection Hadley could have had with the murders.

## ALLIES PROTEST UNDER-SEA TRAFFIC

Washington, July 11.—England and France will do everything in their power to prevent the United States recognizing the super-submersible Deutschland as a ship of commerce, and to prevent the operation of a line of submarine freight carriers proposed by the North German-Lloyd Steamship company. This was admitted at the embassies of the two governments today.

The British embassy today corrected published reports that it was not actively trying to oppose the peaceful stay of the Deutschland. Any submarine, the embassy said, is potentially a warship and any ship at sea would be unable to determine until too late to save itself whether a submarine was armed. This fact, alone, would prevent recognition of a submarine as a possible merchantman, according to the embassy's view. These facts, it was learned, have been pointed out to Acting Secretary of State Polk by Counselor Barclay, acting charge d'affaires of the embassy.

Questions not only of the Deutschland's status as a warship or a merchantman, but as to her cargo and the cargo she will take back to Germany with her are to be taken up by the British embassy with the state department.

The fact that the Deutschland's home going cargo is expected to contain nickel alone may cause a number of complications, it was learned. This may cause sweeping embargoes on any sort of goods from Canada or Great Britain to this country which might be imported to Germany by the Deutschland or other commercial submarines which are reported on their way to the United States. Ninety per cent of the nickel used in this country comes from Canada.

## FAMINE NOW STALKING IN MEXICO

**Peons Said to Be Starving and Intervention by the United States Will Be Hastened by Food Shortage**

El Paso, July 11.—Mexico is like one long bread line, according to famine reports brought here today indicating that starving peons are flocking again to Villa's standard in hope of relief.

Depreciated Carranzista currency and anarchy in industry and agriculture are believed reflected in reports of de facto government troops revolting and joining the Villistas. Copies of a proclamation signed by Villa have been received, in which it was stated Villa had fully recovered from his wounds and was again in the saddle at the head of a large force. He called upon loyal Mexicans to join him en route to the border to attack American cities, drive the gringos from the Rio Grande and re-take Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Reports persist that 5,000 de facto government troops in the Parral district have declared for Villa, their former chief. Starving peons in Cuernavaca, Cantagosa, Coahuila state, Carranza's birthplace, are reported to have revolted and taken possession of the town in Villa's name. Anarchy followed, the peons looting all stores. Looting is also said to have been adopted by the starving poor of the Monclova district.

Army officers returned from the United States lines in Mexico declare that the famine will soon hasten intervention by the United States. They brought reports of starving thousands of peons in the states of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango and Sonora. The Mexicans bitterly charged that the de facto government nevertheless recently exported carloads of beans and other food-stuffs it had confiscated.

Because the government confiscated all food supplies while bandits raided farms and ranches, there was little planting this summer in the northern section of Mexico, the Mexican arrivals stated.

The recent Carranza currency issue is quoted at about two cents on the dollar, despite threats of imprisonment and summary punishment. In northern Mexico merchants have closed their stores in preference to accepting this currency.

## HUGHES PLEASED WITH COMMITTEE

Bridgehampton, L. I., July 11.—No friction has broken out in republican party councils because six former progressive leaders were named on the Hughes campaign committee, Candidate Hughes declared today. His statement was in answer to rumors that Wm. Barnes, Jr., Boies Penrose and other "old guards" were kicking up a rumpus because of the naming of the bull moosers.

"I am very much pleased with the appointment of the committee," said Hughes. "It means effective work by a reunited party. So far as I know, the importance of this was recognized by all and there has not been the slightest friction in constituting the committee. Instead, there has been a general desire for a harmonizing effort, as our national aims transcend all difficulties that have existed."